

REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner noted that claims 1-8, 10-18, and 21 are pending in the application, and the Examiner rejected all claims. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below, and reconsideration of all rejected claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §112

In item 3 on page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-18, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner alleged that the features recited in claims 1, 11, and 21 regarding providing sales information are not supported in the specification. The Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections of these claims.

The Applicants respectfully submit that support for these features may be found in the specification at least on Page 16, Line 8 through Page 17, line 17, and illustrated as element 33a in Figure 13. That portion of the specification describes, for example, a product sales unit 33a which performs such activities as checking whether a customer has taken an education course relevant to the PC he/she is going to purchase, writing the selling price in the sales table in the sales master, and setting discount and sales completion flags accordingly.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that more than ample support is provided to satisfy the first paragraph of §112. For instance, claim 11 recites providing sales information regarding a product relating to the education, which would be clearly understood by one skilled in the art through the disclosure cited above. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his §112 rejections of these claims.

Summary

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

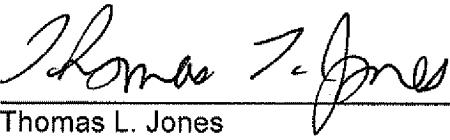
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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